

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
December 3, 2010  
10:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order**

Mike Smith, Chair, called the meeting of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees to order at 10:04 a.m., on Friday, December 3, 2010, at the Library of Michigan.

**Attendance**

Members Present: B. Denise Bartlett, Barb Bonge (alternate for Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly), Elaine Logan (*via conference phone*), Charles Myers, Gail Parsons (*via conference phone*), Nancy Robertson, Mike Smith, Francis "Bus" Spaniola

Members Absent: Senator Irma Clark-Coleman, Mike Flanagan, Senator Tom George, Representative Shanelle Jackson, Nancy Skowronski, Representative Jim Stamas

Staff Present: Janet Laverty, Sheryl Mase, Lori Poznanski-Mason (recording secretary)

Visitors: Randy Dykhuis, Denise Hooks, Tim Staal, Carol Wolenberg

**Agenda**

BUS SPANIOLA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED.

**Minutes of  
February 5, 2010  
Meeting**

THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2010 MEETING WERE APPROVED UPON MOTION BY BARB BONGE.

**Minutes of  
September 24, 2010  
Meeting**

THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2010 MEETING WERE APPROVED UPON MOTION BY CHARLES MYERS.

**Minutes of  
November 5, 2010  
Meeting**

THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2010 MEETING WERE APPROVED UPON MOTION BY DENISE BARTLETT.

**Board Reports**

**Board Chair's**

Mike Smith presented the Board Chair report. He presented the conclusions of the MCIR Report.

**Board Members'  
Reports**

There were no Board member reports.

**Legislator Updates** There were no legislator updates.

**Partnership  
Reports**

**Cooperatives**

Denise Hooks from the Library Cooperative Directors Association presented the Cooperatives' report.

**MAME** Tim Staal presented the Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME) report.

**MCLS** Randy Dykhuis presented the MCLS report.

**MLA** Gail Parsons reported for MLA.

**State Librarian's  
Report**

The Library of Michigan held a staff in-service on October 28. The in-service was facilitated by the Office of the Great Workplace to solicit staff ideas with regard to restructuring and refocusing the Library of Michigan. A report was presented to the Library Management Team (LMT).

Nancy continues to work to have the status of the federal depository participation changed from regional to selective.

LMT drafted a restructuring of staff duties and reporting. LMT plans to roll out the new reporting structure in the new year.

Nancy reported on recent staff retirements and departures.

Nancy attended the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) meeting held in October in Kansas City.

Nancy presented the State Librarians Excellence Award and Citations of Excellence Awards at the Michigan Library Association (MLA) Annual Conference in Traverse City in November. Adrian Public Library was awarded the Excellence Award and Swan Valley High School Library and Kresge Business Administration Library, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan were awarded the Citations of Excellence.

Of the five national medals awarded to public libraries by IMLS this year, two of the five went to Michigan libraries: West Bloomfield Township Public Library in West Bloomfield Township and Peter White Public Library in Marquette.

The American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association, honored Portage Northern High School Media Center as the best in Michigan.

Family Tree magazine recognized the Seeking Michigan website ([www.seekingmichigan.org](http://www.seekingmichigan.org)) as one of the top 101 best websites in the country for information about the Eastern United States.

The MeL Funding Task Force group has met twice now. The group is working on determining alternative ways to fund MeL beyond federal funds.

Deb Biggs Thomas is working on writing the MeL database request for proposal. Start-up of the new suite of MeL databases would be October 1, 2011. An RFP will also be developed to cover MeL Training and Database support and MeLCat implementation services.

The 2010 Michigan Reads! program was a success and work has begun on next year's program.

The list of 2011 Michigan Notable Books was finalized yesterday. Nancy encouraged Board members to talk up the Michigan Notable Books program, books, events, and author tours. The Michigan Center for the Book creates programming guides for Notable Books that any library can use. ([www.michigan.gov/notablebooks](http://www.michigan.gov/notablebooks))

The Learning Express Library/Job and Career Accelerator portion of MeL will be funded for the next couple of years via the Broadband grant that MSU received from the federal government this fall.

**LM Board Bylaws** Discussion was held on the revised Board Bylaws. BUS SPANIOLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED BYLAWS. THE MOTION PASSED.

**Old Business** No old business was discussed.

**New Business**  
**Resolution** BARB BONGE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF ELAINE HARRISON. THE MOTION PASSED.

**LM Foundation** An update on the LM Foundation was given.

**Other** Mike agreed to draft a letter for the Board to sign to acknowledge the hard work and contributions of Library staff during these past few difficult years.

**Nomination and Election of Officers** Mike Smith nominated Chuck Myers as Board Chair and Denise Bartlett as Vice-Chair. BUS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SLATE OF OFFICERS. THE MOTION PASSED.

Mike thanked the Board and stated that chairing the Board was an honor, a privilege, and a rewarding experience. Mike commended Lori Poznanski-Mason for her administrative support of the Board. Denise commended Mike for his leadership and dedication to libraries.

**2011 Meeting Dates** The Library of Michigan Board will meet on the following dates in 2011:  
Wednesday, February 2  
Tuesday, April 5  
Wednesday, September 14  
Wednesday, December 7  
All meetings will take place from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Meeting location to be determined.

**Adjournment**

MIKE SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED  
AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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Mike Smith, Chair

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Nancy R. Robertson, State Librarian